

Incoming
5/027/0026

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Re: Funding Request to Reclaim a Notice

1 message

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Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 8:26 AM

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Terry,

Thanks very much for the information. This is progress! I can also submit the information below in a form or Word document if preferred.

My suggested pilot project is UTU-70667, the Black Jewel Notice (for obsidian), which expired on January 17, 2007, after two extensions. The Notice was established in 1991. The UDOGM case file number is S/027/0026. The listed operator is Feller Holding Corporation, for Russ Feller. He declared personal bankruptcy, and the bank holding the reclamation bond closed, so there is no bond whatsoever. Mr. Feller returned to the site this fall and did some very rudimentary earthwork, but it is extremely incomplete (photo attached). I have no indication that he plans to do any more work. The Kanosh tribe has indicated that they would prefer to have the site reclaimed, rather than added to an Obsidian Community Pit.

The legal description is Township 24 South, Range 9 West, W2 of section 11; SLM. The surface disturbance area is 2 acres, with three separate small open pits. The bond amount calculated in July 2004 was \$3639. I will calculate an updated amount for 2014.

As previously noted, we have 16 expired 'legacy' Notices in our management area. Some we will be able to close due to Plan of Operations authorizations, or creation of Community Pits, but there are others which are more intractable. All cases have multiple letters to the operators requiring reclamation.

Best wishes,

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On Wed, Dec 10, 2014 at 9:04 AM, Snyder, Teresa (Terry) <tsnyder@blm.gov> wrote:

Duane and Joelle,

I am sorry I missed your call yesterday regarding how to obtain funds to reclaim a notice. As you know BPS was eliminated. So I spoke with my budget officer to determine what we need to support this type of request. We will need the following information:

1. A project description which includes a legal description, site history, administrative process followed i.e., request made to the operator to reclaim their disturbance, reason they will not reclaim the site, etc. and is this site on the expired notice list or why this is a FO priority.
2. A reclamation cost estimate. How much funding are you requesting? (Don't forget to include contract profit of 10% and your time if needed to oversee the work.)

3. Schedule for reclamation of the site. (If we are able to fund your request a Work Break Down Structure will be assigned to track all project cost.)

4. Follow-up after completion of work to recoup project cost if there is a party that should be billed.

Call if you have any questions about the information provided above. Also, Duane I would like to set up a call with you next week sometime to discuss your expired notice reduction strategy. Thanks.

Terry Snyder

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